

Dear Dave and,

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I was surprised when I answered the phone yesterday and Herman Graf was calling me. We had a brief conversation with what relates to NEVER AGAIN! in what I've written him. I do have his assurance that it will not be gutted like Case Open was. And he did not tell me why he called. As it happens later the day I wrote Gallen again.

Walt Brown was here when he called and heard our conversation. Walt will return next Thursday because their videocamera was not working right or they did not know how to make it work right.

Livingstone has a High Trash 3 pending. Killing the Truth is much smaller than it was, overly large as it is. Its sale was disappointing. My hunch is terrible. But they stuck with him because of how much they made on High Trash 2.

Brown's The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald sold about 6,000 copies of the 25,000 print. There is talk of ~~reprint~~ replacing the hard cover with a soft one and issuing it for less. He has at least one book about ready but I'm not now entirely clear on whether what I refer to is that or something else. He has done some elaborate statistics on the witness and the questions asked them. Only a small percentage of the questions asked related to the crime, also true of witnesses. The statistics are interesting but I doubt such a book will sell.

Graf told me that the sale of Case Open is quite good but not spectacular. And that is a surprise when not a single ad has been placed and no promotions of any kind. It means the book is selling itself and I think that may be why Gallen gutted it, to make it smaller and cheaper so that it would sell itself and so that it would show less of a loss if it didn't.

If I recall what Walt said correctly, it is that all the anniversary books disappointed their publishers.

I've seen the family doctor and gotten the results of the Dopplers on both legs and thighs. Briefly, ~~in~~ it is that all ^{arteries} are shot and what arterial circulation I have ~~is~~ there must come from the tiny vessels that from my walking I enlarged.

The wonder is that I have not lost them both to gangrene, which is still a concern.

Best,

Please note what I say about adding what was not from Case Open to "Senator Russell Dissents"

Harold